

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10411.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10417–18, H10418–19, H10419, H10422–23, H10423–24, H10424, and H10432–33. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### EUROPEAN MISSILE DEFENSE PLAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the President's new plan for missile defenses in Europe and the implications for international security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN James E. Cartwright, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary, Policy; and LTG Patrick J. O'Reilly, USA, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and Ellen O. Tauscher, Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG AMERICANS

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on Ensuring Economic Opportunities for Young Americans. Testimony was heard from Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### DRINKING WATER SYSTEM SECURITY ACT; CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3258, Drinking Water System Security Act of 2009 and H. R. 2868, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### FINANCIAL REFORM PROPOSALS—FEDERAL RESERVE PERSPECTIVES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Federal Reserve Perspectives on Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals." Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### AFGHAN ELECTIONS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on the Afghan Elections: Who Lost What? Testimony was heard from J. Alexander Thier, Director, Afghanistan and Pakistan, U.S. Institute for Peace; W. Lorne Craner, former Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "Preparedness: State of Citizen and Community Preparedness." Testimony was heard from Tim Manning, Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; William Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.

### REQUEST TO DHS FOR DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ON BENEFICIARIES OF PRIVATE BILLS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law approved Requests to the Department of Homeland Security for Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of two private relief bills.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 86, To eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands; H.R. 118, To authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park; H.R. 1925, America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009; H.R. 2689, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 2781, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 2888, Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Senators Hatch, and Robert F. Bennett of Utah; Representatives Matheson, Perriello, Schrader and Campbell; Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop,

Deputy Chief, Forest Service, National Forest System, USDA; Gregory Bell, Lieutenant Governor of Utah; and public witnesses.

### TRANSNATIONAL DRUG ENTERPRISES THREATS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Transnational Drug Enterprises Threats to Global Stability and U.S. National Security from Southwest Asia, Latin America, and West Africa.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FINDING BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE UNIVERSE

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Finding the Building Blocks of the Universe. Testimony was heard from Dennis Kovar, Director, Office of High Energy Physics, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### RECOVERY ACT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRESS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on Recovery Act: 225-Day Progress Report for Transportation Infrastructure Investment. Testimony was heard from Ray H. LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; John Cox, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS VETERANS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1017, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 1036, Veterans Physical Therapy Services Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2504, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; H.R. 2559, Help Our Homeless Veterans Act; H.R. 2735, To amend title 38, United States Code, to make improvements to the comprehensive service program for homeless veterans; H.R. 3073, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to provide assistance to veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless; H.R. 3441, To provide for automatic enrollment of veterans returning from combat zones into the VA medical system. The Subcommittee also had a draft discussion on Homelessness and Graduate Psychology Education and Psychiatric Service Dogs. Testimony was heard from

Representatives Filner, Herseth Sandlin, Hare, Teague, Rodriguez, Nye and Arcuri; Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

### PENSION PLAN FUNDING LEVELS INVESTMENT ADVICE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on funding levels of defined benefit pension plans and the rules that apply to investment advice. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### UPDATE ON SECURITY CLEARANCE REFORM

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a hearing on Update on Security Clearance Reform. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Zients, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; John Berry, Director, OPM; David Shedd, Principal Deputy Director, National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Brenda Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; and Beth McGrath, Assistant Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1114)

H.R. 3614, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. Signed on September 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–66)

S. 1677, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes. Signed on September 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–67)

H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Signed on October 1, 2009. (Public Law 111–68)

H.R. 3607, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. Signed on October 1, 2009. (Public Law 111–69)